Tax Concessions for companies in petroleum sector

2660. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of concessions/gains including tax concessions earning by the private sector in petroleum sector; and

(b) what are the burdens/advantage the Public Sector in petroleum sector in discharging/getting in comparison to private sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) So far as indirect taxes are concerned, the general duty structure and rates of duty of petroleum products are the same for all the manufacturers, whether in the public sector or the private sector. However, concessional duty of 50% of the excise duties to oil refineries in North-East Region applies only to public sector units.

So far as direct taxes are concerned, no distinction has been made between public sector and private sector with regard to levy of tax or tax concession.

SC/ST backlog vacancies

2661. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of backlog vacancies of SCs and STs group-wise, in all departments under the control of Ministry as on 30th June, 2006;

(b) whether it is a fact that Hon'ble Prime Minister had issued instructions to fill up such vacancies on or before December, 2005; and

(c) the details of vacancies filled in and now in balance as on 30th June, 2006, group-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY, MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (c) There are two Departments namely Department of Heavy Industry and Department of Public Enterprises under the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises and there are no backlog vacancies of SCs & STs in any group as on 30.06.2006 for which these Departments are cadre controlling authorities.